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Dear Ms. Roberts:

In compliance with Section 65400(b)(1) of the California Government Code, the 2002-03 General Plan Annual Report for the City of La Palma ("Progress Report") is enclosed with this letter. The City Council of the City of La Palma has received and filed the Annual Report and a separate copy is being transmitted to the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please call me at (714) 690-3335.

Sincerely,



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Of the General Plan  
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## 1. Introduction

As required by California Planning Law [Government Code Section 65400(b)], the planning agencies of local governments must provide an annual report to the legislative body on the status of the General Plan and the progress in its implementation, including the progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs. The annual report should also include information concerning local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing pursuant to Section 65584(c)(3).

In compliance with Section 65400(b) of the California Government Code, this report has been prepared to summarize the status of the La Palma General Plan and the progress in its implementation during the Fiscal Year 2004-2005. Specifically, Part Two of this report includes a general summary of the actions taken by the City to implement the various elements of the General Plan and Part Three consists of a detailed report providing specific comments on the implementation of each goal and policy established in the General Plan.

## 2. General Plan Elements

### Land Use Plan

An updated Land Use Plan was adopted in March 1999 and the City has been active in its implementation. Progress has included various residential, open space/recreational, industrial, and commercial projects. These projects have worked to promote a balanced and functional mix of land uses consistent with community values. The following sections will discuss the various land use designations.

#### Residential Designations

A major focus of the Land Use Element is to maintain and improve the residential community of La Palma as an area of safe, quiet, pleasant neighborhoods, conveniently served by shopping, schools, parks, churches, and other community facilities. The various General Plan Elements collaborate to ensure the attainment of this goal.

Another focus consists of the continued effort to provide for the conservation and rehabilitation of the City's single-family housing stock, while maintaining a balance between various land uses. The City of La Palma is a residential community and, accordingly, the City's Development Committee and Planning Commission focus their efforts on maintaining high-quality housing developments for a diverse population and maintaining a balance between non-residential and residential land uses. On October 5, 2004, the City revised development standards for Multiple Family Residential (R-3) Zone to require lower densities for projects located on smaller lots while allowing higher densities on larger lots. The City's residential designations now consist of:

#### *Single Family Residential (1-8.7 Dwelling Units per Net Acre)*

The Single-Family designation is intended to provide for a range of single-family housing types including conventional single-family detached homes (with a minimum 5,000 square foot lot), patio

homes, zero lot line homes, and attached lower-density developments such as duplexes. The average density for single-family development in the City is approximately 8.8 dwelling units per net acre. Conventional zoning that requires a minimum 5,000 square foot lot equals just over 8.7 dwelling units per net acre. This designation requires conventional lots to be a minimum of 5,000 square feet.

*Multiple Family Residential (Up to 10 Dwelling Units per Net Acre for Parcels Composed of 0-2 Acres/15 Dwelling Units per Net Acre for Parcels Composed of 2.1-4.0 Acres/25 Dwelling Units per Net Acre for Parcels Composed of 4.1 or More Acres)*

The Multiple Family designation is intended to accommodate the development of a range of attached and detached residential uses. Typical housing types include higher density single-family residences, patio homes, zero lot line homes, planned unit developments, mixed use developments, and attached multiple family dwellings such as duplexes, townhouses, condominiums, and garden apartments. Congregate care facilities, emergency shelters, and transitional housing could be approved as a conditional use in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning Code. The existing average density of multiple family housing is approximately 15 units per net acre. The revised development standards for the Multiple Family Residential (R-3) Zone will require that new housing projects incorporate amenities such as private areas, common areas, and additional landscaping.

*Village Residential Overlay (8.8-30 Dwelling Units per Net Acre)*

The Village Residential designation is intended as an overlay for certain areas within the Multiple Family Residential designation that involve special development opportunities and require a tailored approach to planning and design. The designation is intended to provide for a variety of housing types within one project or development, ranging from single-family housing to multiple family dwellings, including uses incidental to the residential uses. The types of developments that are suitable to the Village Residential Overlay include affordable housing projects and senior housing projects that involve tailored development standards and site design.

### **Non-Residential Designations**

The City's non-residential designations consist of:

*Neighborhood Commercial (Maximum Floor Area Ratio of .6)*

The Neighborhood Commercial designation provides localized commercial retail and service activities for surrounding neighborhoods. Typical uses include: food markets, drug stores, clothing stores, sporting goods, cleaners, banks, offices, private schools and child care centers, hardware stores, other retail and personal services uses, and community facilities. Neighborhood commercial projects should be compatible in design and scale with adjacent residential areas and should be designed to provide convenient connections with adjacent residential neighborhoods.

*Office Professional (Maximum Floor Area Ratio of .6)*

The Office Professional designation provides for single or multi-tenant offices and may include limited supporting uses for onsite employees. Office developments may range from low-rise structures situated in a landscaped garden arrangement, to mid-rise structures at appropriate locations. Typical uses include professional offices for legal, design, and engineering services, medical offices/health care centers, corporate headquarters, and general offices for insurance, real estate, and financial services. Supporting convenience services may be permitted to serve the needs of onsite employees or visitors/patients.

### *Multi-use Business (Maximum Floor Area Ratio of .6)*

The Multi-use Business designation provides for a compatible/complementary mixture of employment and commercial uses. Typical uses include: general and professional offices, high rise hotels, retail and service commercial uses, research and development operations, commercial recreation, and light manufacturing. Multi-use Business developments should offer attractive and distinctive architectural design, substantial landscaping, and convenient pedestrian access between uses.

### *General Industrial (Maximum Floor Area Ratio of .6)*

The General Industrial designation provides for a range of industrial uses including manufacturing, assembly, distribution, research and development facilities, telecommunication facilities, science laboratories, warehousing, and utility buildings/facilities. As indicated in the Development Code, some of these uses require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to locate in this zone. Uses may include ancillary office and commercial activities. Additionally, commercial developments, such as home improvement stores, and wholesale and retail commercial activities may be conditionally approved in accordance with the Zoning Development.

### *Public/Institutional (Maximum Floor Area Ratio of .6)*

The Public/Institutional designation is intended for a range of public and private uses including: schools, government offices, police and fire stations, public utilities, flood control channels, libraries, museums, hospitals, churches, and cultural facilities. Public/Institutional uses may be permitted in other land use designations under the procedures established in the Development Code.

### *Open-Space/Recreation (Maximum Floor Area Ratio of .2)*

The Open-Space/Recreation designation encompasses parkland and utility easements developed for recreational use. Only accessory buildings or those structures related to parks and recreation facilities are intended for open-space lands. This designation may also accommodate certain commercial outdoor recreation uses as a conditional use in accordance with the Development Code.

The City of La Palma is focused on maintaining the present built environment and other important aspects of community life. The City has approved seven Precise Plan Amendments for residential remodels, which indicates that property owners are actively improving their properties. The following table identifies some of the other developments that have occurred in the past year as well as how they have implemented the goals and policies of the General Plan.

**Table 1**  
**Development Activity, 2004-2005**

Development Projects	Action Taken	General Plan Implementation
<b>Precise Plan 261 and Tentative Tract Map 16550</b> <b>Paul Vander Putten</b> Approval for a 10 single family detached residences on the northwest corner of Moody Street and Crescent Avenue	PC-7/6/04 Approved	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing Element, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing Element, Goal 2, Policy 2.1
<b>Precise Plan Amendment 39</b> <b>Guy Bartoli</b> Approval for a 1,337 square foot addition to a single family residence at 5182 Huntswood Circle	DC-7/12/04 Approved	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing Element, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing Element, Goal 2, Policy 2.1
<b>Precise Plan 260</b> <b>Stepping Stones Preschool</b> Approval for construction of an 8,140 square foot building at 5532 La Palma Avenue	PC-7/20/04 Approved	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 2, Policy 2.4 City Structure, Goal 4, Policy 4.2 City Structure, Goal 4, Policy 4.4 City Structure, Goal 4, Policy 4.5
<b>Conditional Use Permit 287 and Variance 2004-04</b> <b>Nextel Communications</b> Approval for the replacement of an equipment shelter at 6800 Walker Street	DC-7/20/04 Approved	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 4, Policy 4.4 City Structure, Goal 4, Policy 4.5
<b>Precise Plan Amendment 3</b> <b>Ghassan Awayjan</b> Approval of a 328 square foot addition to a single family residence at 8311 Bellhaven Street	DC-8/9/04 Approved	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing Element, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing Element, Goal 2, Policy 2.1
<b>General Plan Amendment 2004-01, Zone Change 2004-01, Tentative Tract Map 16736, and Precise Plan 262</b> <b>La Palma Casas</b> Approval to change the land use designation of three parcels from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-3 Multiple Family Residential and to construct a 20-unit residential condominium project at 5052, 5062, and 5082 La Palma Avenue	PC/CC-9/21/04 Approved General Plan Amendment and Zone Change Only	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing Element, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing Element, Goal 2, Policy 2.1
<b>Precise Plan Amendment 53</b> <b>Glenn Tyson</b> Approval of a 1,236 square foot addition to a single family residence at 5271 Iberville Circle	DC-12/13/04 Approved	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing Element, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing Element, Goal 2, Policy 2.1



Development Projects	Action Taken	General Plan Implementation
<b>Precise Plan Amendment 150</b> <b>Field Ironworkers Apprenticeship and Journeyman Training Fund</b> Approval to renovate the façade and modify the signage at 5555 Fresca Avenue	PC-1/04/05 Approved	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 2, Policy 2.4 City Structure, Goal 4, Policy 4.2 City Structure, Goal 4, Policy 4.4 City Structure, Goal 4, Policy 4.5
<b>Conditional Use Permit 331</b> <b>Paul Son</b> Approval of the operation of a car wash, mini-mart, and lube and oil change use in an existing building at 8511 Moody Street	PC-3/15/05 Approved	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 2, Policy 2.4 City Structure, Goal 4, Policy 4.2 City Structure, Goal 4, Policy 4.4 City Structure, Goal 4, Policy 4.5
<b>Precise Plan Amendment 32</b> <b>Javier Rubio</b> Approval for a 1,459 square foot addition to a single family residence at 5161 Bransford Street	DC-5/9/05 Approved	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing Element, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing Element, Goal 2, Policy 2.1
<b>Precise Plan Amendment 50</b> <b>Robert Elizondo</b> Approval for a 1,086 square foot addition to a single family residence at 7682 Arroyo Circle	DC-5/9/05 Approved	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing Element, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing Element, Goal 2, Policy 2.1
<b>Precise Plan Amendment 15</b> <b>Ron Lewis</b> Approval of a 498 square foot addition to a single family residence at 7562 Indigo Lane	DC-6/13/05 Approved	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing Element, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing Element, Goal 2, Policy 2.1
<b>Precise Plan Amendment 3</b> <b>Thomas Vedder</b> Approval of a 499 square foot addition to a single family residence at 8191 Bellhaven Street	DC-6/13/05 Approved	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing Element, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing Element, Goal 2, Policy 2.1

### The Land Use/Zoning Map

The Land Use Plan/Zoning Map is a combined map that serves as the Land Use Plan for the General Plan and the Zoning Map for the City's Development Code. The land use designations and density/intensity standards are consistent between the two documents. All proposed projects must conform to the land use designation shown on the General Plan/Zoning Map or must go through a General Plan Amendment process. Likewise, a Development Code Amendment must be applied for if a proposed project is inconsistent with the General Plan/Zoning Map. To expedite the development process, these amendments may be handled concurrently.



The General Plan/Zoning Map was updated this year to include a zone change for three parcels at 5052, 5062, and 5082 La Palma Avenue from Single Family Residential (R-1) to Multiple Family Residential (R-3), which will provide additional opportunity for multiple family developments.

## **Circulation Plan**

The purpose of the circulation component of the General Plan is to provide for a safe and efficient transportation system for existing and proposed uses within La Palma. This section addresses the street and highway network, railroads, transit services, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the community, in accordance with State Planning Law. The Circulation Plan and supporting goals, policies, and implementation actions are consistent with the land use provisions and standards within the General Plan.

### **Arterial Highways**

The arterial highway system in La Palma is consistent with the Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH). The City has adopted the MPAH, which identifies major arterial, primary arterial, and secondary arterial highway standards.

### **Truck Routes**

Truck routes through the City have been designated for two arterial highways – Orangethorpe Avenue and Valley View Street. Trucks may use these highways when traveling through the City to access the freeway or adjacent cities. Limiting truck routes to these highways enables the City to maintain acceptable levels of service throughout the City and limits the damage and wear to street surfaces.

### **Walkways and Bikeways**

Pedestrians have a comprehensive system of sidewalks along both sides of the arterial highways within the City as well as collector and local roads within residential areas. The sidewalk system is extensively used to access recreation areas, schools, and commercial goods and services. The Centerpointe complex, which is a large mixed-use business and commercial development, has a well-landscaped meandering sidewalk system that encourages walking in-lieu of driving between buildings. Regular maintenance of the sidewalk system, particularly in areas with mature landscaping, is required to ensure public safety.

La Palma also has a Class II system of designated, on-road bicycle trails along La Palma Avenue, Moody Street, Walker Street, and Crescent Avenue. The bicycle lanes consist of a striped, on-road lane that extends five feet from the curb. In addition, there is a Class I County of Los Angeles Bicycle trail that follows the Coyote Creek Flood Control Channel. This is an off-road, paved trail that connects to the City's local bikeway system at La Palma Avenue.

### **Transit Services**

Buses ease demand for autos and reduce overall traffic, noise, and pollution levels in the City. The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) provides bus service within La Palma. There are no bus terminals or multimodal transportation facilities within the City.

## **Railroads**

The Union Pacific Railway line establishes most of the southern boundary of the City. A small portion of the railroad line is within La Palma. This line was taken out of service. The County is working with the cities along the line to plan greenspace uses for the right-of-way. During this review period, the City has developed a plan to accommodate for greenspace at Crescent Avenue west of Moody Street near the city boundary.

La Palma's Public Works Department has a variety of programs to support a safe and efficient circulation system. The programs include the maintenance of residential and arterial streets, streetscapes, medians, and traffic signals. The City has adopted Traffic Demand Management measures to reduce traffic on arterial streets. None of the intersections in La Palma are at a level of service of "D" or above.

## **Open Space/Recreation Plan**

This component of the General Plan focuses on the conservation and management of La Palma's open-space resources. As recognized in State law, open-space serves a multitude of functions including: the preservation of natural resources; the managed production of resources such as agriculture; outdoor recreation; and the protection of public health and safety. In La Palma, there are no undeveloped natural resources such as rivers or natural habitat areas for active plants and wildlife. Although La Palma was once devoted almost exclusively to dairy farms, there are no farms or agricultural lands today. The open-space that remains serves the critical need for recreation and scenic enjoyment within this fully developed, suburbanized community.

## **Park and Recreation Facilities**

La Palma has 37 acres, or three percent of the City, devoted to parkland. Central Park is the largest park within the City (7.5 acres) and is located across from City Hall. Although not large enough to be considered a true "Community Park", it is a Neighborhood Park that serves many Community Park functions. The park is the center for events and ongoing recreational and cultural activities for residents of all ages and is particularly important as "the" place for after-school recreation. Adjoining Central Park is a portion of the Edison International Transmission right-of-way that has been improved as an open-space/recreation corridor. The 75-foot wide corridor provides a well-used pedestrian connection from adjacent residential areas to schools, City services, recreation centers at Central Park, the library, and to other neighborhoods. Within a segment of the easement is a developed 1.5-acre Mini-Park called El Rancho Verde Park. The City also has two other passive Mini-Parks, which are grassy open-space areas tucked away in neighborhoods in the southwest sector of the community. The City has a good relationship with the school districts that permit after-school use of the fields and recreation facilities at the five school sites in the City. The playground areas and fields at the schools total approximately 54 acres. Due to the partial availability of school recreation facilities to the general public, such facilities are considered adjuncts to the citywide park system. The City will continue to preserve these spaces and look for opportunities to add open space, such as the Union Pacific Railway line and the right-of-way discussed above.

It should also be noted that within the City boundaries are two small parks that are maintained by the City of Cerritos. Rainbow Park and Bettencourt Park comprise a total of 3.6 acres and are located at

the intersection of the Riverside/Artesia Freeway (SR91) and the Coyote Creek Channel, on the west. There is no direct access to these parks from the City of La Palma. They are adjacent to a neighborhood in Cerritos and serve primarily Cerritos residents. Although the parks are designated within the La Palma General Plan as Open-space/Recreation, they are not considered a part of La Palma's useable parkland.

The City of La Palma has a fully staffed Recreation Department that maintains a high quality park and recreation system that meets the needs of the diverse population of La Palma. The Recreation Department annually reviews its programs to evaluate if they are meeting the needs of the community. The Department also maintains the City's parks and provides community youth and senior programs. For instance, the Department sponsors Pee Wee sports leagues, a youth Fit N' Fun program, the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration and 5/10 K Run/walk, and the annual La Palma Days event.

### **Community Safety**

This chapter includes the State requirements for the Safety Element. Each city is obliged to respond to the topics identified by State law to the extent a topic is relevant to that city. The City adopted a General Plan Amendment in December 2004, which added a new water quality section along with specific goals and policies to ensure that the General Plan adheres to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements. This chapter has currently divided safety issues into the following components:

- Fire Hazards/Fire Protection
- Police Protection
- Flood Hazards
- Geologic/Seismic Hazards
- Hazardous Waste
- Emergency Preparedness
- Noise
- Water Quality

#### **Fire Hazard**

The City of La Palma contracts with the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) for fire protection services. OCFA is an all-risk emergency service agency and provides fire suppression, emergency medical, hazardous materials, and rescue services. In addition, the OCFA provides a wide variety of other services such as public education, disaster planning and coordination, fire prevention inspections, building plan review, hazardous materials disclosure program management, fire investigation, emergency dispatch and communications, and media relations. Approximately 70 to 80 percent of Fire Authority responses are paramedic calls.

While there have been no major modifications to the fire prevention program in the past fiscal year, the City continues to provide the highest levels of protection to the community and will strive to maintain its rapid response times and professional service levels.

### **Police Services**

The City of La Palma maintains its own Police Department. The La Palma Police Department is a full-service police agency with 25 full-time officers providing general law enforcement, patrol, traffic enforcement, Community Oriented Policing programs, school drug and alcohol abuse prevention instruction, investigation, 24-hour front counter operation, and a full 9-1-1 Dispatch and Records Bureau. The Police Department also has an Administrative Support Bureau responsible for Community Policing and City Emergency Services coordination. This team is responsible for the coordination of all City disaster response planning and training. During an emergency, the Police Department is primarily responsible for communication, alerting and warning, law enforcement, and traffic management (including evacuation).

### **Flood Hazard**

No portion of the City is located in a designated flood plain; however, the City could be subject to flooding caused by heavy rainfall. The San Gabriel River (Coyote Creek) and Moody Creek are two drainage channels that run through the City of La Palma. These drainage channels are fully improved for flood control purposes.

The City has adopted a floodplain management Ordinance. The purpose of the Ordinance is to promote public health, safety, and general welfare and minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas. The City continues to monitor the quality of the flood control channels and is positioned to respond to emergencies, should they arise. In addition, the Planning Division of the Community Development Department provides Flood Map information to prospective residents and businesses to assist persons in obtaining insurance.

### **Geologic/Seismic Hazards**

The City of La Palma is located in the Los Angeles Basin, which is underlain by a sequence of alluvial deposits consisting of marine and non-marine sand and silt. This area is characterized by considerable seismic activity. The Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act requires the State Geologist to establish regulatory zones around the surface traces of active earthquake faults. No Earthquake Hazard Zones identified by the State are in the City of La Palma and, therefore, no special regulations for building development are required.

While earthquake threat is minimal, the City requires that all new developments adhere to the Uniform Building Code seismic design standards and State of California seismic building standards and the City has a brochure available to the public from the Orange County Fire Authority concerning earthquake survival. In addition, whenever there is a change of occupancy in the G-1 District, the Building and Safety Division of the Community Development Department requires the upgrading all pre-1973 tilt-up concrete structures to meet current seismic safety standards. During the entitlement process, any potential geological and seismic hazards are revealed as part of the environmental review process, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Any potential impacts must be mitigated to a level of less than significant and incorporated into the development.

### **Hazardous Waste**

A material is considered hazardous when it exhibits corrosive, poisonous, flammable, and/or reactive properties and has the potential to harm human health and the environment. Hazardous materials are utilized by a number of businesses in La Palma. In addition, a number of common household products contain hazardous materials.

The City works with the County of Orange to provide Hazardous Materials education and response through its Hazmat Response Team. In addition, the City supports the County's Integrated Waste Management programs that monitor facilities that use, store, or handle hazardous materials. Finally, the City has published articles in the La Palma newsletter to educate the community on the dangers of hazardous materials and water pollution.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

In August 1989, the City of La Palma adopted by resolution a Multi-Hazard Emergency Plan (MHEP). The Plan identifies procedures to provide for the effective mobilization of all City resources, public and private, in response to emergency situations. These situations include fire and rescue operations, medical and public health emergencies, natural disasters, technological incidents, wars, and nuclear defense operations. The MHEP also outlines evacuation procedures and identifies the sources of outside support that may be provided through mutual aid agreements and specific statutory authority by other jurisdictions, state and federal agencies, and the private sector. Evacuation routes are determined when the situation arises based on available information. MHEP Appendix Table H-1 provides a listing of emergency evacuation procedures and the individuals assigned to coordinate evacuations.

The City's Emergency Services Coordinator, under the direction of the Director of Emergency Services, maintains necessary equipment, supplies, and training of all City employees to respond to any and all disasters utilizing the Standardized Emergency Management Systems methodology incorporating the ICS (Incident Command System) as required by State law. In addition, the Emergency Services Coordinator attends operational area monthly meetings and training to ensure communication and continuity between the municipalities in the operational area. During this General Plan Annual Report period, the City has provided staff members with numerous emergency response-training sessions. In addition, on March 15, 2005, the Orange County Operational Area (OA) conducted a functional emergency operations exercise involving a San Onofre Nuclear Generator meltdown incident. The City of La Palma, along with several other Orange County cities, participated in the drill by activating their local Emergency Operations Center.

### **Water Quality**

The City enacted the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) on June 30, 2003, to comply with the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Third Term Permits that were mandated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The purpose of the LIP is to describe activities implemented by the City to meet the requirements of the Third Term Permit and to make meaningful improvements to water quality. The Drainage Area Management Plan (DAMP) was utilized for developing the LIP and serves as a guidance document for the City's NPDES stormwater program.

According to Appendix A-7 of the LIP, the City is required to minimize impacts on receiving water quality to the maximum extent practicable. The permit issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board requires, at a minimum, that the City review its General Plan and update it, if necessary, to ensure watershed and stormwater management are considered. After reviewing the General Plan, the City conducted a General Plan Amendment in December 2004, which added a new water quality section along with specific goals and policies to ensure that the General Plan adheres to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements. Also, specific pollution prevention policies that are mandated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board in the LIP were included. The additional Water Quality section was created to ensure that the City would implement its water quality program.

The newly adopted Water Quality section includes specific goals and policies that will: minimize changes in hydrology and pollutant loading; require incorporation of control, including structural and non-structural BMPs (Best Management Practices), to mitigate the projected increases in pollutant loads and flows; ensure that post-development runoff rates and velocities from a site have no significant adverse impact on downstream erosion and stream habitat; minimize the quantity of stormwater directed to impermeable surfaces; and maximize the percentage of permeable surfaces to allow more percolation of stormwater into the ground.

### **Related Plans and Programs**

A number of plans and programs relate to the elements covered in this chapter of the General Plan. A description of the most relevant is provided below in *Table 2, Related Plans and Programs*:

**TABLE 2  
RELATED PLANS AND PROGRAMS**

<i>Description</i>	<i>Adoption</i>	<i>Approving Body</i>	<i>Consistency with General Plan</i>
La Palma General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR): As required by State law, each jurisdiction must prepare supporting environmental documentation on the General Plan. The EIR for the La Palma General Plan was certified concurrently with adoption of the General Plan. The General Plan EIR analyzed the environmental impacts associated with the General Plan and provides technical background information used in preparing the Plan. Serves as a baseline document for subsequent planning efforts or special studies.	Concurrent with General Plan. Resolution 99-12	City Council	Yes. Provides analysis of General Plan impacts.
City of La Palma Capital Improvement Program: The City's five-year Capital Improvement Program is updated annually. The program serves as a planning and budgeting mechanism for the major projects to be undertaken by the City. The projects	Adopted for Fiscal Year 2004-2005	City Council	Yes. Reviewed annually.



TABLE 2  
RELATED PLANS AND PROGRAMS

<i>Description</i>	<i>Adoption</i>	<i>Approving Body</i>	<i>Consistency with General Plan</i>
generally include street right-of-way planning and improvements and improvements for water, sewer, and storm drains. The Capital Improvement Program must be reviewed annually as to its conformity with the General Plan. It is critical to the implementation of many of the policies in this chapter.			
City of La Palma Multi-Hazard Emergency Plan: This document is designed to provide the basis for the disaster response of the City of La Palma and is based on the Multi-hazard Planning Guidance established by the State of California (1985). The Plan focuses on large-scale disasters that pose major threats to life and property and can impact the well being of large numbers of people.	Adopted 1989 and reviewed annually	City Council	Yes. Reviewed annually.
City of La Palma Code of Laws: This contains all Ordinances adopted by the La Palma City Council. Chapters with direct relevance to Community Safety include the following: Buildings, Local Emergencies, Police, Fire Protection, and Health and Sanitation.	Updated as necessary	City Council	Yes. Mandated by State law where related to physical development of the City.
City of La Palma National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, Drainage Area Management Plan (DAMP) and Local Implementation Plan (LIP)	Updated Annually	City Council	Yes. Mandated by Federal law.

## Noise Element

The City of La Palma is fortunate in that there are relatively few fixed sources of noise and there is excellent separation of sensitive uses from them. The Route 91 Freeway separates the City's industrial area from residential neighborhoods. Although the freeway itself is a source of noise, its elevated profile through the City and buffering by commercial uses from most residences mitigate its impacts. Arterial highways generate noise as well, but the estimated increase in traffic until total build-out of the City will only marginally increase noise from that source. Consequently, the long-term noise environment is not expected to change enough to be noticeable.

As part of the entitlement and environmental review process, if the City feels that a project might have noise impacts, the City will recommend that a noise study be conducted and all building permits are issued subject to State Noise Standards compliance. The City established noise standards that have made property owners, business operators, and tenants responsible for the attenuation and mitigation of noise.

## **Housing Plan**

The Housing Plan identifies specific actions that will be taken to implement the goals and policies of the Housing Element. During this review period, the City has issued a total of 10 new housing permits that will provide additional housing opportunities in the City. A summary of the progress taken to meet regional housing needs along with compliance with the community's housing goals is included in Attachment 1. Pursuant to State Law, the Plan accomplishes the following:

- Provides adequate sites to achieve a variety and diversity of housing
- Facilitates the development of affordable housing
- Improves the existing affordable housing stock
- Promotes equal housing opportunity

In 2002, the City adopted a revised Housing Element that met all the statutory requirements of the State planning law and was certified on November 27, 2003 by the Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Housing Policy Development. In order to implement its housing goals and policies, the various City and County-sponsored housing programs have been implemented, which are listed below:

**Table 3**  
**Housing Programs**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>General Plan Annual Objectives</b>	<b>Implementation in the Last Year</b>
<b>Walker Street Senior Citizens Apartments</b>	Develop the vacant site at 7051-61 Walker Street into 60 units of Senior Housing with assistance of the City's Community Development Commission.	Develop 60 units of moderate-income senior housing.	Completed. Oversight of the developed project continues to ensure affordability requirements are met.

Program	Description	General Plan Annual Objectives	Implementation in the Last Year
<b>Section 8 Rental Assistance</b>	This program provides rental assistance to low and income families and elderly and disabled persons who spend more than 30 percent of their monthly income on rent. Section 8 assistance is available in existing housing certificate programs and existing housing voucher programs.	Support efforts to increase the amount of funding allocated to HUD programs. Provide referrals to apartment complex owners for information on the various Section 8 programs. Continue to participate in the County Housing Authority's Committee for municipalities participating in Section 8 County-Administered programs. Assist 10 very low or low-income household in the City.	City has no control over numbers or locations of vouchers; however, the City supports efforts of the Housing Authority. There are currently 37 La Palma residents using the Section 8 vouchers. An application period will open in November 2005; the City will support Applicants when possible.
<b>Grant Funding for Preservation and Rehabilitation of Affordable Housing Program</b>	Through the Community Development Block Grant program, HUD provides funds to local government for a range of community development activities that benefit lower income households. The Orange County Housing/Community Development Program office is responsible for distributing CDBG funds to the smaller cities in Orange County.	Preserve and rehabilitate 5 affordable housing units.	The City continues its agreement with the Orange County Housing Authority for CDBG and Home Fund programs.
<b>First Time Homebuyers Program</b>	A First Time Homebuyers Program administered by Orange County provides down payment assistance, targeted at the population with incomes at or below 70 percent of the County median.	Assist 6 First Time Homebuyers with incomes at or below 70 percent or below the County median in purchasing homes.	City has no control over numbers or locations of vouchers; however, the City supports efforts of the Housing Authority and provides approximately two referrals/month.

Program	Description	General Plan Annual Objectives	Implementation in the Last Year
<b>Mortgage Credit Certification Program</b>	Under the Mortgage Credit Certification Program, first-time homebuyers receive a tax credit based on a percentage of the interest paid on their mortgage. This tax credit allows the buyer to qualify more easily for home loans as it increases the effective income of the buyer.	Assist 5 first-time homebuyers by providing tax credits.	Two residents have received assistance since 1993.
<b>Reverse Mortgage Program</b>	This program targets elderly homeowners that are cash poor but have built up substantial equity in their homes. Homeowners can draw needed income from the accumulated equity in their home through a reverse mortgage. The OCHA has been certified by HUD to provide counseling services for individuals seeking this type of loan. Responsibilities include: providing counseling to seniors interested in applying; working with private lending institutions, and working with seniors to complete applications. The City will publicize the availability of the reverse mortgage program by: publishing information about the program in the City's quarterly La Palma Newsletter, distributed to all households; and posting information about the program in the City's public library and community center, on the City Hall bulletin board, and on the City website and the City will refer eligible senior homeowners to the County Housing Authority to obtain counseling.	Refer all eligible parties who contact the City with an interest in this program to the Orange County Housing Authority.	Ongoing referrals as needed.
<b>Section 202 Elderly or Handicapped Housing</b>	Under this federally administered program, direct loans are made to eligible, private non-profit sponsors to finance the development of rental or cooperative housing facilities for occupancy by elderly or handicapped persons. Section 8 funds are made available for all of the Section 202 units for the elderly. Rental assistance for handicapped persons has also recently been made available for 100 percent of the units.	Support all viable nonprofit entities seeking Section 202 funding.	Ongoing-referrals as needed.

Program	Description	General Plan Annual Objectives	Implementation in the Last Year
<b>Redevelopment Set-Aside Fund</b>	The City of La Palma and its CDC have been involved in redevelopment since 1983. The City of La Palma invested the major portion of the existing low and moderate income housing fund monies in the 60-unit affordable Seasons (Walker St.) Senior Apartment complex.	Update expenditure plan for redevelopment set-aside monies as necessary. Prioritize programs that focus on rent subsidies, utilizing right of first refusal option, and repairs for existing affordable housing projects in the City, after Walker Senior Citizens complex is completed.	Ongoing oversight to ensure affordability requirements are met. The CDC updated its Implementation Plan in January 2005, which includes specific programs for affordable housing.
<b>Preserve Moderate Income Townhomes</b>	The 46 Montecito Village Townhomes will be at risk of conversion to market rate in 2006. Because the City has the right of first refusal to purchase units as they come up for sale, the City will endeavor to purchase units as they become available, resell them as moderate-income housing units, and extend their term of affordability for an additional 10 year period.	Utilize "right of first refusal" options to purchase moderate-income housing units and extend their term of affordability.	Since the CDC has updated the Implementation Plan, this program has been put on hold due to the availability of other types of more cost effective programs.
<b>Preserve Moderate Income Single Family Housing</b>	The 16 Kathy Drive single-family homes will be at risk of conversion to market rate in 2005. The City will monitor the units at-risk and work with their owners and with non-profit agencies to prevent them from reverting to market rate.	Work with owners and interested non-profit agencies to prevent 16 units of moderate-income housing from reverting to market rate.	Since the CDC has updated the Implementation Plan, this program has been put on hold due to the availability of other types of more cost effective programs.
<b>Code Enforcement</b>	Currently, residential code-related complaints in the City primarily concern yard maintenance, overhanging trees, and RV or boat parking violations. The City will continue the Code Enforcement Program maintained by its Code Enforcement Officer in order to ensure that the City's existing housing stock is maintained and rehabilitated, as necessary. The City recently adopted an Ordinance to allow the City to issue civil citations.	Continue the City's Code Enforcement program for residential housing.	Ongoing

Program	Description	General Plan Annual Objectives	Implementation in the Last Year
<b>Spotlight on La Palma</b>	The majority of housing stock in the City was in place by the late-1970's. The stock is aging, but of high quality, and is a source of pride in the community. In order to ensure the continued maintenance of the City's housing stock, the Spotlight on La Palma program will recognize a "Spotlight Home of the Month" as an incentive for home maintenance and upkeep. Awards will be made to occupants demonstrating home maintenance values the City wishes to promote in areas such as exterior upkeep of the property and landscaping.	Continue the Spotlight on La Palma program rewarding high standards of property maintenance.	The Community Activities and Beautification Committee recognizes the "Spotlight Home of the Quarter" in the La Palma, the La Palma community newsletter, which has been incorporated in the quarterly recreation brochure.
<b>Emergency and Transitional Housing Sites</b>	Emergency shelters provide a short-term solution to homelessness and involve limited supplemental services. Transitional shelters, in contrast, are directed at removing the basis for homelessness. Shelter is provided for an extended period of time, and is combined with other social services and counseling to assist in the transition to self-sufficiency. Though no resident homeless population exists in La Palma, the City must designate sites wherein emergency and transitional housing could be provided. Potential emergency shelter locations are the La Palma Christian Center, the United Methodist Church, and the Los Cerritos Valley Baptist Church. Potential transitional housing locations would be at the Nova La Palma Apartments. Regulatory concessions may be necessary to accommodate emergency housing in these locations. Such concessions will be considered in revising the applicable Development Code sections. The Development Code has been updated to address transitional housing and emergency shelters.	Provide locations for emergency shelters and opportunities for transitional housing.	The Zoning Code Update included provisions for transitional and emergency shelters.
<b>Second Unit Ordinance</b>	Second unit residences are permitted to be reviewed ministerially and approved by the Director of Community Development. Second units are permitted in Residential zones and are required to comply with development standards in the Zoning Code.	Provide additional housing opportunity for second units.	The Zoning Code Update included a section on Second Units.



Program	Description	General Plan Annual Objectives	Implementation in the Last Year
<b>Streamline Residential Precise Plan Amendment Process</b>	<p>The City's permitting and approval process for residential expansion projects will be streamlined to reduce the number of public hearings for residential Precise Plan Amendments.</p> <p>In the past, residential Precise Plan Amendments were reviewed by the Development Committee and approved by the Planning Commission. As part of the Zoning Code Update, the City has revised the Development Code to grant the Development Committee approval authority for residential Precise Plan Amendments. In most cases, the processing time will be reduced to less than 30 days. Additionally, the City will assist applicants with the required approval and permitting that is necessary from other regulatory agencies.</p>	Expedite processing of entitlements for residential remodels.	The Development Committee has approved seven residential Precise Plan Amendments during this review period.
<b>Equal Housing Opportunity</b>	<p>The Fair Housing Program of Orange County provides a range of fair housing services, including housing discrimination response, landlord-tenant relations, housing information and counseling, and community education programs.</p>	Support the activities of the Fair Housing Council by publicizing its referral service to local residents using the following methods: publish information in the La Palman and post information obtained from the California Department of Fair Employment and Fair Housing at the public library, community center and on the City Hall bulletin board.	Ongoing

**Table 4**  
**City of La Palma Housing Action Plan Summary**

Housing Program	Program Intent	Plan Objective	Funding Source	Responsible Agency	Time Frame
<b>PROVIDE A DIVERSITY OF HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS</b>					

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Housing Program	Program Intent	Plan Objective	Funding Source	Responsible Agency	Time Frame
Walker Street Senior Citizen Apartments	Provide moderate-income senior housing.	Develop a 60-unit moderate-income senior housing project.	Redevelopment Set-Aside Fund	City of La Palma	Completed
Section 8 Housing Assistance	Provide housing subsidies for very low and low-income households.	Assist 10 very low and low-income households in the City.	HUD	Orange County Housing Authority; City of La Palma	Ongoing
Grant Funding	Preserve and rehabilitate affordable housing.	Continue to apply for and utilize CDBG and HOME funds for the provision and maintenance of affordable housing. Preserve or rehabilitate 5 housing units.	HUD	City of La Palma	Ongoing
First Time Buyers Program	Assist first time homebuyers.	Assist at least 6 first-time homebuyers by providing down payment assistance.	Mortgage Revenue Bond Allocation	Orange County Public Finance Department jointly with Los Angeles County	Ongoing
Mortgage Credit Certificate	Assist first time homebuyers.	Assist at least 5 first-time homebuyers by providing tax credits.	Mortgage Revenue Bond Allocation	Orange County Executive Office	Ongoing
Reverse Mortgage Program	Promote retention of owner-occupied units.	Publicize the availability of the reverse mortgage program and refer eligible homeowners to the County Housing Authority.	None necessary	Orange County Housing Authority	Ongoing
Section 202 Elderly or Handicapped Housing	Provide housing and related facilities for the elderly and handicapped.	Support all viable nonprofit entities seeking Section 202 funding.	None necessary	HUD	Ongoing
Redevelopment Set-Aside Fund	Provide a source of funding for housing programs.	Update expenditure plan for redevelopment set-aside monies. Prioritize programs that focus on rent subsidies, "right of first refusal," and repairs for existing affordable housing projects in the City, after Walker Senior Citizens complex is completed.	None necessary	City of La Palma	Completed
Preserve Moderate Income Townhomes	Preserve at-risk housing.	Utilize "right-of-first refusal" option to purchase moderate-income housing units and extend their term of affordability. Preserve 46 units of moderate-income housing.	Redevelopment Set-Aside Fund	City of La Palma	Tabled during this review period
Preserve Moderate Income Single Family Homes	Preserve at-risk housing.	Work with owners and interested non-profit agencies to prevent 16 units of moderate-income housing from reverting to market rate.	Redevelopment Set-Aside Fund	City of La Palma	Tabled during this review period
<b>MAINTAIN HIGH QUALITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS</b>					
Code Enforcement	Maintain the quality	Maintain the City's single and multi	City of La Palma	City of La Palma	Ongoing

Housing Program	Program Intent	Plan Objective	Funding Source	Responsible Agency	Time Frame
	of the housing stock.	family housing code enforcement program.			
Spotlight on La Palma	Maintain the quality of the housing stock.	Continue the Spotlight on La Palma program rewarding high standards of property maintenance, which has been incorporated in the quarterly recreation brochure.	None necessary	City of La Palma	Ongoing
<b>ADDRESS AND REMOVE HOUSING CONSTRAINTS</b>					
Emergency and Transitional Housing Sites	Provide adequate sites for emergency and transitional shelters.	The Zoning Code has been updated to permit transitional housing in the Residential Zones and permit temporary emergency shelters in non-residential zones with a Temporary Use Permit.	None necessary	City of La Palma	Completed
Density Bonus Ordinance	Encourage development of housing through provision of a density bonus.	A Density Bonus section was included in the Zoning Code Update.	None necessary	City of La Palma	Completed
Second Unit Ordinance	Comply with State Government Code.	A Second Unit section was included in the Zoning Code Update.	None necessary	City of La Palma	Completed
Streamline Residential Precise Plan Amendment Process	Grant Development Committee approval authority for Residential Precise Plan Amendments.	The City's Zoning Code has been updated to include a streamlining process for residential Precise Plan Amendments.	None necessary	City of La Palma	Completed
Revise Residential Land Use Designations and Controls	Implement the General Plan Update.	The City's Zoning Code has been updated to reflect the City's new land use designations and controls.	None necessary	City of La Palma	Completed
<b>ASSURE EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY</b>					
Equal Housing Opportunity	Comply with the National Fair Housing Law.	Support and publicize the activities of the Fair Housing Council.	None necessary	Orange County Housing Authority	Ongoing

### 3. Implementation of Goals and Policies

To better assess the progress toward full implementation, the following section provides a detailed look at all the goals and policies established in each Element of the General Plan and the various efforts the City has made to achieve successful implementation. Each goal and policy is categorized as "Implemented," "Abandoned," "Started," "Ongoing," or "Not Yet implemented." Comments

regarding implementation are also provided to give a comprehensive assessment of the City's implementation.

As shown in the report, the City has worked diligently to utilize the elements of the General Plan. Out of 70 goals and policies that are identified, 62 are "Ongoing", four (4) policies have been "Started," and four (4) policies have been "Implemented." There are no policies that have been "Abandoned," or "Not Yet Implemented." Because most of the General Plan policies are ongoing, all City departments will continue to make an active effort to incorporate the policies into everyday City activities. Efforts to realize the few goals and policies that have not yet been achieved will continue.

## ATTACHMENT 1

### **WFH Annual Progress Report on Implementation of the Housing Element General Plan Report requirement pursuant to Section 65400 of the Government Code**

Jurisdiction: City of La Palma  
Address: 7822 Walker Street, La Palma California 90623  
Contact: Dominic Lazzaretto Title: Community Development Director  
Phone: 714 690-3340

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Report Period: July 1, 2004 To: June 30, 2005

The following should be included in the report:

#### **A. Progress in meeting Regional Housing Need**

1. Total number of new housing permits issued: 10
2. Describe the affordability, by income level, of new units including the number of deed restricted affordable housing unit:  
10 market rate
3. Compare units added to regional housing need allocation by income category (very low, lower, moderate, and above moderate): 10 above moderate

#### **B. The effectiveness of the housing element in attainment of the community's housing goals and objectives**

1. Include a program-by-program status report relative to implementation schedule from each program in the housing element; describe actions taken to implement each program.  
See Table 2 (Related Plans And Programs in the Annual Report)
2. Assess effectiveness of actions and outcomes  
Have met our share with 60 units at Seasons La Palma and conversion of units at the Nova La Palma Apartments

#### **C. Progress toward mitigating governmental constraints identified in the housing element.**

Completed

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## CURRENT STATUS OF THE GOALS AND POLICIES PURSUANT TO THE GENERAL PLAN

COMMUNITY SAFETY ELEMENT GOALS AND POLICIES	STATUS	IMPLEMENTATION
<b>Fire Hazard</b>		
GOAL 1: Maintain fire services that offer maximum feasible protection from loss of life and property.		
Policy 1.1: Support the maintenance of well equipped Fire services providing a high level of service and quick response times.	Ongoing	The Orange County Fire Authority focuses on maintaining high quality fire services for cities within their jurisdiction. The Orange County Fire Authority continually monitors response times to ensure that they are adequate.
Policy 1.2: Continue to maintain adequate fire flow throughout the City and provide adequate water storage to meet peak fire demand.	Ongoing	The City has two water tanks (the Walker Well and the City Yard Well) that meet the peak and normal demand for water. The Orange County Fire Authority inspectors always check the design of a water system for a new development to ensure adequate flow exists.
<b>Police Protection Services</b>		
GOAL 2: Continue to support high quality police protection services.		
Policy 2.1: Maintain a well-equipped, high quality local Police Department.	Implemented	The Police Department has created a vehicle maintenance and replacement matrix for all City owned vehicles. The Police Department is actively involved in securing Federal and State grants to offset or fully fund the costs associated with the implementation of law enforcement programs, equipment and materials. The Police Department complies with Federal, State City, department mandates and requirements to recruit and train both sworn and non-sworn personnel. The same standards are met to discipline and terminate employees who fail to meet department and professional requirements.



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COMMUNITY SAFETY ELEMENT GOALS AND POLICIES	STATUS	IMPLEMENTATION
<p>Policy 2.2 : The City should foster its small town character throughout its community improvements, City sponsored activities, and communications with its citizens.</p>	Ongoing	<p>The Police Department and its individual members actively participate with various local civic clubs, volunteer organizations, schools, churches, and the business community by attending regular meetings, providing training, and responding to specific needs or concerns. The Police Department personnel regularly meet with Federal and local law enforcement groups and subscribe to various law enforcement specific internet groups to share and distribute information regarding Homeland Security, current legislation, risk management, personnel issues and leadership development.</p>
<p><b>Flood Hazard</b></p> <p>GOAL 3: Strive to provide protection for life and property from flood hazards.</p> <p>Policy 3.1: Support the safe operation of regional flood control efforts.</p>	Ongoing	<p>The City has a floodplain management ordinance as suggested by the State of California, Department of Water Resources.</p>
<p>Policy 3.2: Support the efficient operation of local drainage facilities.</p>	Ongoing	<p>The City's Public Works Department maintains all storm drains and sewers and is complying with the requirements of NPDES.</p>
<p><b>Geologic/Seismic Hazards</b></p> <p>GOAL 4: Build a community with maximum feasible protection from seismic and geologic hazards.</p> <p>Policy 4.1: Comply with all applicable requirements of the Seismic Hazards Mapping Act (Public Resources Code Division 2, Chapter 7.8).</p>	Ongoing	<p>Building permits for new development are approved subject to the Seismic Hazards Mapping Act requirements. Industrial Buildings constructed prior to 1973 are required to be seismically retrofitted to modern standards upon change of use or occupancy.</p>
<p>Policy 4.2: Require all new development to comply with the most recent Uniform Building Code seismic design standards and State of California seismic building standards.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Building permits for new developments are approved subject to the Uniform Building Code Seismic Design Standards and State of California Seismic Building Standards.</p>

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COMMUNITY SAFETY ELEMENT GOALS AND POLICIES	STATUS	IMPLEMENTATION
Policy 4.3: Require mitigation of potential adverse impacts of geologic and seismic hazards at the project level.	Ongoing	The City has implemented a policy requiring older concrete tilt-up buildings to be retrofitted to current Seismic Building Code criteria upon a change of use or occupancy. Potential geologic and seismic hazards are revealed during the California Environmental Quality Act process. During this process, all impacts shall be mitigated to the level of less than significant.
Policy 4.4: Promote awareness of seismic and geologic hazards within the City.	Ongoing	The City has a brochure at the counter from the Orange County Fire Authority concerning earthquake survival and has the opportunity to publish articles in the La Palman newsletter to provide additional information.
<b>Hazardous Waste</b>		
GOAL 5: Ensure consistency safe use, storage and transportation of hazardous materials within the City.		
Policy 5.1: Support the implementation and enforcement of regulations providing for the safe handling of hazardous materials.	Ongoing	The City supplies residents with the proper referrals to the County's hazardous waste programs.
Policy 5.2: Monitor facilities that use, store, or handle hazardous materials.	Ongoing	The City supports the County's Integrated Waste Management programs that monitor facilities that use, store, or handle hazardous materials.
<b>Emergency Preparedness</b>		
Goal 6: Strive for minimum loss of life, injury, and property damage in the event of an emergency.		
Policy 6.1: Prepare for the effective mobilization of City resources (both public and private) in the event of an emergency.	Implemented	This City has adopted an Emergency Response Plan that is compliant with the Standardized Emergency Management System requirements and has trained personnel on their duties and functions as they relate to their areas of responsibility.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY ELEMENT GOALS AND POLICIES	STATUS	IMPLEMENTATION
Policy 6.2: Support regional emergency response planning.	Started	The Police Department actively participates in regional emergency response organizations (Operational Area) and the (TEWG) Terrorist Early Warning Group and participate in both Table Top Exercises and Functional Drills.
Policy 6.3: Enforce speed limits throughout the City.	Ongoing	The City has a traffic officer that enforces the speed limits.
<b>Noise</b>		
Goal 7: Continue to foster a quiet living and working environment.		
Policy 7.1: Evaluate noise impacts for development along arterial highways based on the noise levels described in the noise analysis of the General Plan EIR.	Ongoing	If the City feels that a project might have noise impacts, the City will require that a noise study be conducted. Based on the study, certain mitigation measures would be implemented.
Policy 7.2: Enforce State noise insulation standards for proposed projects in high noise environments.	Ongoing	Building Permits for new developments are approved subject to the State's Noise Insulation Standards.
Policy 7.3: Enforce the City's noise ordinance for those noise sources that are not pre-empted by other agencies.	Ongoing	The City's Code Enforcement Officer, Police Department, and Building Official enforce the Noise Ordinance as appropriate.
Policy 7.4: Require the design of new development projects so that potential noise impacts are kept to a minimum.	Ongoing	If the City feels that a project might have noise impacts, the City will require that a noise study be conducted. Based on the study, certain mitigation measures would be implemented. In addition, Building Permits for new developments are approved subject to the State's Noise Insulation Standards.
<b>Water Quality</b>		
Goal 8: Protection and enhancement of local and regional urban creeks, lakes, and beaches.		

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Policy 8.1: Support and participate in public outreach programs to educate the public about water pollution and pollution prevention.	Ongoing	The City publishes newsletters, distributes educational material, and displays brochures at the civic center, recreation facilities, and City library to inform the public about water pollution and pollution prevention.
Policy 8.2: Encourage measures to prevent illicit discharges.	Started	The City implemented a new Water Quality Section in the General Plan to include specific water quality goals and policies. The City reviews development plans for connections to the storm drain system. The City also has a program for responding to complaints of illegal discharges to the storm drain and creeks. Industrial and commercial facilities in the City are inspected for water quality violations.
Policy 8.3: Encourage project proponents, developers, and contractors to comply with accepted stormwater pollution prevention planning practices for development projects.	Ongoing	The City reviews documents for Water Quality Management Plans, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans, and/or Erosion and Sediment Control Plans to identify the Best Management Practices. The City also conducts routine inspections to ensure compliance with Best Management Practices, proper erosion control methods, and good housekeeping practices.
Policy 8.4: Establish post-construction requirements for maintenance of stormwater structural controls to reduce discharges and maximize pollutant removal from runoff.	Started	The City conducts post-construction inspections to verify the implementation of appropriate maintenance measures. The City has also implemented a fats, oils, and grease (FOG) Ordinance to require applicable food establishments install grease interceptors to pre-treat effluent before entering the sewer system.
Policy 8.5: Establish and coordinate good housekeeping procedures for all City Departments to assure that water quality objectives are not threatened by operations conducted by the City.	Ongoing	The City provides training seminars to inform the employees of water quality issues and the City's responsibility in maintaining water quality. The City hires contractors who implement BMPs and good housekeeping procedures on all City projects. The City also conducts routine inspections to verify maintenance procedures are being implemented, are appropriate, and are protective of water quality.